

**Minutes of a Meeting
of the**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DuPage Water Commission
600 E. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, Illinois

November 20, 2025

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zay at 6:31 PM

II. Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Commissioners absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Sues

Also in attendance: P. May, C. Peterson, C. Bostick, M. Weed, J. Loster, D. Panaszek, D. Cuvalo, D. Mundall, Phil Luetkehans of Luetkehans, Brady, Garner & Armstrong, LLC

III. Public Comments

No Public Comment was offered.

IV. Presentation by Source Water Project Technical Advisors

General Manager Paul May introduced Mr. Pete Mulvaney (Conzor), and Mr. Guy Carpenter (Woolpert), who are advising the Commission regarding the plan to advance the regional Source Water Project. Mr. Carpenter began by summarizing the process to date. He then went on to summarize options for Governance. There are four available options, each with its own pros and cons, which he described in detail.

Mr. Carpenter began by introducing a proposed map of facilities. Then he presented the details of prospective governance alternatives, with consideration of financing, construction, asset ownership, and System Operations, and the expectation that as the project advances, there will be a progression and refinement of governance approaches.

Four Governance Models were presented with detailed maps and pros and cons of each.

While no decisions will be made at this meeting, Mr. Carpenter identified the next steps and the suggested a workshop be considered at a future date.

Commissioner Van Vooren stressed the importance of commitment from this Board and communication to move forward. Commissioner Russo asked what the NSMJAWA population served is currently. General Manager May replied they serve about half of the current DWC capacity. General Manager May referenced a map and indicated the proposed tunnel has to be

large capacity to service current customers and prospective customers. Commissioner Honig noted the importance of Governance and the need to retain control. Attorney Luetkehans provided perspective regarding the Joliet system and NSMJAWA. Chairman Zay noted NSMJAWA has no pumping station of their own. Dialog with NSMJAWA is open and ongoing.

V. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Russo moved to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2025 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Saverino.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer William Fates presented the October 2025 Treasurer's Reports consisting of 13 pages each with pages 1 and 2 containing brief summaries of the reports.

October 2025:

Treasurer Fates noted \$153.4 million of cash and investments on page 4, an increase of \$2.2 million from the previous month. Treasurer Fates also pointed out the schedule of investments on pages 5 through 12 totaling \$147.3 million and noted the market yield on the total portfolio showed 3.86% which is relatively unchanged from the prior month. On page 13, the statement of cash flows showed a breakdown of the \$3.7 million increase in cash and investments for the fiscal year and operating activities increased by approximately \$1.9 million. Also noted on page 14, the monthly cash/operating report showed that the Commission has met all recommended reserve balances.

Commissioner Russo moved to accept the September 2025 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzone, unanimously approved by a voice vote. All aye, motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Item 1: Commissioner Pruyn gave a brief report of the Finance Committee Meeting.

Item 2: Resolution No. R-87-25: A Resolution approving JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Wintrust Financial Corp., AND Fifth/Third Bank, N.A. for banking services and authorizing the General Manager to execute documents in furtherance thereof.

Commissioner Van Vooren asked how long the transition will be. Financial Administrator Peterson indicated the process has already begun and is expected to take a few months.

Commissioner Pruyn made a motion to approve Item 2 under the Finance Committee Report section of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Russo, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Suess,

B. Administration Committee

Item 1: Commissioner Romano gave a brief committee update.

Item 2: Request for Board Action: Authorizing Travel and related expenses for two (2) Commission employees for Factory Valve QA/QC Testing for High Lift Pump Cone Valve Rebuilds in York Pennsylvania, travel and related expenses for three (3) Commission employees to attend the annual Underground Corrosion Short Course, travel and related expenses for two (2) Commission employees to attend the annual AMPP Conference, and travel and related expenses for five (5) Commission employees to attend the annual Illinois section AWWA conference.

Item 3: Resolution No. R-85-25: A Resolution Reviewing/Releasing certain Executive Session Minutes.

Item 4: Resolution No. R-89-25: A Resolution approving employee insurance benefits for plan year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026

Item 5: Resolution No. R-96-25: A Resolution authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Oak Brook and Aqua Illinois, Inc as a third-party beneficiary.

Commissioner Romano moved to adopt items 2 through 5 under the Administration Committee Report section of the agenda in a single group pursuant to the Omnibus Vote procedures. Seconded by Commissioner Van Vooren, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Suess,

C. Engineering & Construction Committee

Item 1: Commissioner Saverino gave a brief committee update.

Item 2: Resolution No. R-77-25: A Resolution to Approve & Ratify Certain Work Authorization Orders Under Quick Response Contract QR-13/25 with Benchmark Construction Co., Inc., at a cost of \$ 207,707.

Item 3: Resolution No. R-78-25: A Resolution Approving Underground Utilities Surveying, with Ground-Penetrating Radar Systems, LLC at a Cost Not to Exceed \$25,000.

- Item 4: Resolution No. R-86-25: A Resolution to Approve & Ratify Certain Work Authorization Orders Under Quick Response Contract QR-13/25, with John Neri Construction Co., Inc., at a cost of \$205,800.
- Item 5: Resolution No. R-88-25: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the General Manager to Purchase a Reporting Package and the Associated Professional Services from Waterly, Inc. at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$100,287.50.
- Item 6: Resolution No. R-90-25: A Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Purchase Repair Services for a High-Lift Pump Control Valve from a Sole Source Provider, A/C Service and Repair, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$ 150,000.
- Item 7: Resolution No. R-91-25: A Resolution Approving a Contract Extension for Heavy Machinery and Equipment Rigging, Transportation, and Installation Services with Meccon Industries Inc., no cost for this action.
- Item 8: Resolution No. R-92-25: A Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Purchase High Lift Pump Rehabilitation Services from Superior Industrial Equipment at an estimated expense not to exceed \$215,000.
- Item 9: Resolution No. R-93-25: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Task Orders Under a Master Contract with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc., Task Order No. 09, at a cost not to exceed \$120,500.
- Item 10: Resolution No. R-94-25: A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Construction of the West Transmission Main along the ComEd Corridor from Book Rd to Wolf's Crossing Rd (Contract TW-6/25 Sections 2A & 2B) to Airy's, Inc., in the amount of \$ 22,723,829.
- Item 11: Resolution No. R-99-25: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Master Agreement with GVW Engineers, Inc., for Professional Consulting Services, costs as assigned by Task Order.

Commissioner Saverino moved to adopt items numbers 2 through 11 under the Engineering & Construction Committee Report section of the agenda in a single group pursuant to the Omnibus Vote Procedures seconded by Commissioner Honig, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyne, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Suess,

VIII. Accounts Payable

A. October 2025

Item 1: To approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$11,274,994.09 (October 2025) subject to submission of all contractually required documentation, for invoices that have been received (Roll Call).

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$11,274,994.09 (October 2025) subject to submission of all contractually required documentation, for invoices that have been received, Commissioner Pruyn moved, seconded by Commissioner Honig and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Suess

Item 2: To approve the Accounts Payable, as amended, amount of \$6,002,375.00 (October 2025) subject to submission of all contractually required documentation, for invoices that have not yet been received but have been estimated (Roll Call).

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable disbursements, as amended, with the estimated accounts payable for October 2025, Commissioner Russo moved, seconded by Commissioner Pruyn and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Suess

IX. Chairman's Report

Chairman Zay notified the Board that a December meeting may be necessary and inquired about travel plans for quorum purposes.

Commissioner Van Vooren asked if there are any bid packages out that would need to be approved. General Manager May noted that there are solicitations currently underway but the bids will be brought forward at the January meeting.

Chairman Zay informed the Board that meetings with the City of Chicago are upcoming and updates will be brought at the next meeting.

Chairman Zay thanked Staff for all of their hard work and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

General Manager May acknowledged the budget process has begun. Also, a Cost of Service proposal has been received from the City of Chicago. Jeff Loster, Engineering Manger was recognized for his hard work securing all easements and properties for the WaterLink project.

Tours to the WaterLink Book Road work area were offered to the Board. Concurrence of the Board was requested for switch gear modification work. Concurrence was given.

X. Old Business

No Old Business was offered.

XI. New Business

No New Business was offered.

XII. Executive Session

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real estate pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the DuPage Water Commission 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Commissioner Romano made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Sues

The Commission went into Executive Session at 7:32 PM.

Commissioner Russo moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:49 PM, seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a roll call vote .

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Sues

Matters referred from Executive Session

- A. Request for Board Action: Recommendation to authorize the engagement of Special Legal Counsel Regarding the Regional Source Water Project.

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve Request for Board Action, Recommendation to authorize the engagement of Special Legal Counsel Regarding the Regional Source Water Project. Commissioner Romano moved, seconded by Commissioner Russo, unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Sues

- B. Resolution No. R-98-25: Authorization to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Northbrook and the DuPage Water Commission for a temporary construction easement.

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. R-98-25, authorization to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Northbrook and the DuPage Water Commission for a temporary construction easement. Commissioner Cuzzone moved, seconded by Commissioner Honig, unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Sues

- C. Ordinance O-14-25: Ordinance to Approve Negotiation Authority for Property (Easement) Acquisitions Associated with the WaterLink Pipeline Project – Phase I.
- D. Ordinance O-15-25: An Ordinance Rescinding Certain Portions of Ordinance No. O-9-25 and Authorizing the Acquisition of Easements by the DuPage Water Commission Over Certain Property for the Purpose of Providing Water to the Village of Montgomery, the Village of Oswego and the United City of Yorkville - Phase III.
- E. Ordinance O-16-25: An Ordinance Authorizing a License Agreement with Commonwealth Edison – WaterLink pipeline corridor.
- F. Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve Ordinances O-14-25, Ordinance to Approve Negotiation Authority for Property (Easement) Acquisitions Associated with the WaterLink Pipeline Project – Phase I, O-15-25 An Ordinance Rescinding Certain Portions of Ordinance No. O-9-25 and Authorizing the Acquisition of Easements by the DuPage Water Commission Over Certain Property for the Purpose of Providing Water to the Village of Montgomery, the Village of Oswego and the United City of Yorkville - Phase III, and O-16-25, An Ordinance Authorizing a License Agreement with Commonwealth Edison WaterLink pipeline corridor. Commissioner Saverino moved, seconded by Commissioner Honig, unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: J. Fennell, S. Greaney, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, P. Suess,

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Romano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russo, unanimously approved by a voice vote. All aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.